

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Election filed 25 March 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: JP 2000-395627.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 0302
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group II, claims 7-10, in the reply filed on 25 March 2004 is acknowledged. However, Examiner has found that examination of the entire application as filed did not cause a serious burden. Therefore, all claims have been examined on the merits. Concurrently, the Restriction requirement of the Office Action dated 25 February 2004 is hereby withdrawn.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Japan on 26 December 2001. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b). Examiner notes that a certified copy of the application filed in Japan on 23 March 2001 (2001-083984) has been received in the Office and placed in the file.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 states the limitation "wherein the conditions of the pressure cooker test are 121°C, 100% by mass humidity, 2.1 atm and 168 hours, and the measurement method of the peeling strength is according to JIS C 5012". This limitation, in conjunction with the other claimed limitations was neither found to be disclosed in, nor suggested by the prior art. Claim 2 states the limitation "wherein the conditions of the pressure cooker test are 121°C, 100% by mass humidity, 2.1 atm and 336 hours, and the measurement

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method of the peeling strength is according to JIS C 5012". This limitation, in conjunction with the other claimed limitations was neither found to be disclosed in, nor suggested by the prior art. Examiner has interpreted "JIS C 5012" to mean the standard as written in 1993 as disclosed by Applicants (see pg 5 of the instant specification). It is to be understood that this 1993 standard is imported into the claim and any future revisions to this standard will not be considered germane for determining the scope of the instantly claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following documents disclose copper clad resins subjected to peel strength tests:

US 4,587,201	Morikawa et al.,
US 4,803,115	Fushiki et al.,
US 4,970,107	Akahoshi et al.,
US 5,412,002	Enomoto et al.,
US 6,166,131	Tashima et al.,
US 6,252,010	Takeuchi et al.,
US 6,693,162	Tsuji et al..


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeremy C. Norris whose telephone number is 571-272-1932. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on 571-272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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